

RESOLUTION NO. RS2019-1749

A resolution recognizing Cumberland Gallery's 39 years of visual art exhibitions in Nashville.

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2019 Cumberland Gallery (CG) closed its doors after 39 years of visual arts exhibitions; and

WHEREAS, Carol Stein, the director of Cumberland Gallery, moved to Nashville from New York in 1976, and opened the gallery in 1980 at a time when the art scene in Nashville was essentially nonexistent; and

WHEREAS, over nearly four decades, CG flourished and became a pillar of the art community, representing Nashville and Southeastern artists on a national scale; and

WHEREAS, in addition to showcasing art, CG hosted fundraises for local non-profits such as The Nashville Food Project and Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee, and also hosted affordable holiday sales; and

WHEREAS, CG also provided opportunities to nurture young artists by hosting workshops for children; and

WHEREAS, the gallery showcased well-established artists like Red Grooms and Ida Kohlmeyer, as well as helped advance careers of Southeastern artists such as Marilyn Murphy and John Baeder; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee and Southeastern artists were the primary focus of the gallery, but national-level artists were well represented in a variety of media including painting, photography, sculpture, and works on paper; and

WHEREAS, the lower level of CG featured a new exhibition every five to six weeks, and the upper level functioned as a rotating space for previously exhibited work; and

WHEREAS, Cumberland Gallery presented their final official exhibition -- *A 39 Year Retrospective* -- January 12 through March 2, 2019, featuring fifty artists who have been instrumental in making the gallery a leading advocate for contemporary art in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Metropolitan Council recognizes Cumberland Gallery for four decades of innovative visual art exhibition in Nashville.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. The Metropolitan Council hereby goes on record as recognizing Cumberland Gallery's 39 years of showcasing and promoting visual arts in Nashville.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

INTRODUCED BY:

Kathleen Murphy
Member of Council